THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Water supply is a State subject. It is the responsibility of the State Government and Urban Local bodies to plan and implement water supply scheme in the urban areas. As per the information received from the Govt. of Orissa, water supply to Sonepur is nearing completion. Schemes for augmentation of water supply in Titilagarh and Bolangir have been prepared for assistance from the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO), and Water supply schemes in Patanagarh and Kantabanjhi are in running condition.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Environmental Clearance to Industries

6221. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the new Industrial Policy no environmental clearance is necessary from the Government for expansion of units by the industries:

(b) if so, whether it would create environmental hazards and increase pollution;

(c) whether the Government propose to enact a law by which industrial activities should be governed by a set of environmental rules; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The new Industrial policy provides that zoning and land use regulation and environmental legislation will continue to regulate industrial locations. As such, environmental clearance will still be required to obviate environmental pollution & hazards;

(c) and (d). The provisions available presently under different acts are adequate to regulate industrial activities from the environmental angle.

Availability of Ayurvedic Herbs in A.P.

6222. SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the presence of Ayurvedic herbs in and around Kondapalli, Ibrehimpatnam Krishna Districts in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any scheme has been drawn up for identification and conservation of these herbs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Ministry of Environment & Forest have informed that Botanical Survey of India under one of their Schemes had identified about 30 potential medicinal plants of special importance and their distribution in districts have been worked out with a view to start an experimental drug farm in suitable areas. One of the areas recommended is Kondapalli forest.

Pollution by Five Star Hotels

6223. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the five star hotels which are found to be polluting the major cities; and

(b) the action taken by the Government against such hotels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Some of the five star hotels in the major cities are not meeting all the prescribed standards for air and water pollution control. Those reported in this regard are the Oberoi, Taj Palace and Maurya Sheraton in New Delhi; West End, Taj Residency, Ashok, Windsor Manor, Oberoi and Holiday Inn in Bangalore; Chola Sheraton, Taj Coromondal, Park Sheraton & Connmare in Madras.

(b) The hotels had been asked to meet the standards of emissions within a time frame. Some of them have met the required stipulation, while others have initiated steps to meet the required standards.

[*Translation*]

Employees Of Delhi Social Welfare Board

6224. SHRI RAM PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of Human Resource Development be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working in the office of Delhi Social Welfare and Advisory Board, Jivan Deep Building, Parliament Street and whether the said employees come under Delhi Administration or the Union Government;

(b) if so, whether Government quarters are allotted to them and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Estate Office have provided accomodation to some of the employees of the above said office; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by Government to allot Government accomodation to the all other eligible employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) and (b). There are 19 employees working in the Office of the Delhi Social Welfare Advisory Board. These employees are not government employees and are, therefore, not eligible for allotment of Government quarters.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

Opening of Closed Mines

6225. SHRI BHAWANI LAL VERMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether mines of 'Ispat Dolomite Qaveri' under Rourkela Steel Plant, Rourkela, Baradwar, district Bilaspur and M/s. Lal and Company (Dhan), Khamharia Dolomite Mines, Chhota Nagpur Forest Syndicate Limited are closed since many years;

(b) if so, the effective steps being taken by the Government to restart mining in these mines;

(c) whether employers and contractors have not paid outstanding salary, bonus, gratuity and provident fund to the labourers of the said mine; and

(d) if so, the time by which the dues are likely to be paid to them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN